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In the application of:

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 18, 2000, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claim 11 without prejudice or disclaimer.

1. (Twice Amended) A sheet sorting apparatus for adhering a marker to each predetermined sheet of a group of sheets being output by an image processing apparatus, comprising:

a tape feeder for pulling out a tape having a pressure sensitive adhesive on one side edge;
a cutter for making the marker by cutting the tape at a preset length;

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